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SEQ ID NO : 1 Human IL-15 wild-type mature IL-15 (CDS from 373 to 861)

FIGURE 1A

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM ⁴⁴KCFLLELQVI ⁵²SLESGDASIH
61 ⁶⁴DTVEN⁶⁹LIIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

SEQ ID NO :2

Human wild-type mature IL-15

FIGURE 1A (end)

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	45	51 52	
peptide 1:	L L E L Q V I S L		<u>SEQ ID NO:4</u>
	706	720	
	gaa aat ctg atc atc		<u>SEQ ID NO:5</u>
	64 65 68		
peptide 2:	E N L I I		<u>SEQ ID NO:6</u>
	706	723	
	gaa aat ctg atc atc cta		<u>SEQ ID NO:66</u>
	64 65 69		
peptide 2a:	E N L I I L		<u>SEQ ID NO:67</u>

FIGURE 1B

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peptide 1 : 45 51 52
 L L E L Q V I S L SEQ ID NO :4

-----mutant peptides-----

L D E L Q V I S L	<u>SEQ ID NO :7</u>
L E E L Q V I S L	<u>SEQ ID NO :8</u>
L K E L Q V I S L	<u>SEQ ID NO :9</u>
L R E L Q V I S L	<u>SEQ ID NO :10</u>
L L E L Q V I D L	<u>SEQ ID NO :11</u>
L L E L Q V I E L	<u>SEQ ID NO :12</u>
L L E L Q V I K L	<u>SEQ ID NO :13</u>
L L E L Q V I R L	<u>SEQ ID NO :14</u>
L L E L Q V I S D	<u>SEQ ID NO :15</u>
L L E L Q V I S E	<u>SEQ ID NO :16</u>
L L E L Q V I S K	<u>SEQ ID NO :17</u>
L L E L Q V I S R	<u>SEQ ID NO :18</u>

Figure 2A

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peptide 2 :	64 65 68 E N L I I	<u>SEQ ID NO :6</u>
-----mutant peptides-----		
	K N L I I	<u>SEQ ID NO :19</u>
	R N L I I	<u>SEQ ID NO :20</u>
	E D L I I	<u>SEQ ID NO :21</u>
	E E L I I	<u>SEQ ID NO :22</u>
	E K L I I	<u>SEQ ID NO :23</u>
	E R L I I	<u>SEQ ID NO :24</u>
	E N L I D	<u>SEQ ID NO :25</u>
	E N L I E	<u>SEQ ID NO :26</u>
	E N L I K	<u>SEQ ID NO :27</u>
	E N L I R	<u>SEQ ID NO :28</u>

Figure 2B

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLDELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L45D SEQ ID NO :29

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLDELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L45E SEQ ID NO :30

FIGURE 2C

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLKELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L45K SEQ ID NO :31

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLRELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L45R SEQ ID NO :32

FIGURE 2C (continued)

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI DLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

S51D SEQ ID NO :33

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI ELESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

S51E SEQ ID NO :34

FIGURE 2C (continued)

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI KLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

S51K SEQ ID NO :35

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI RLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

S51R SEQ ID NO :36

FIGURE 2C (continued)

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SDESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L52D SEQ ID NO :37

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SEESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L52E SEQ ID NO :38

FIGURE 2C (continued)

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SKESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESSCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L52K SEQ ID NO :39

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SRESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESSCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L52R SEQ ID NO :40

FIGURE 2C (end)

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVKNLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

E64K SEQ ID NO :41

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVRNLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

E64R SEQ ID NO :42

FIGURE 2D

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVEDLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

N65D SEQ ID NO :43

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVEELIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

N65E SEQ ID NO :44

FIGURE 2D (continued)

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVEKLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

N65K SEQ ID NO :45

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVERLIILA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

N65R SEQ ID NO :46

FIGURE 2D (continued)

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIDLA NNSLSSNGNV TESCCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

I68D SEQ ID NO :47

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIELA NNSLSSNGNV TESCCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

I68E SEQ ID NO :48

FIGURE 2D (continued)

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
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91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

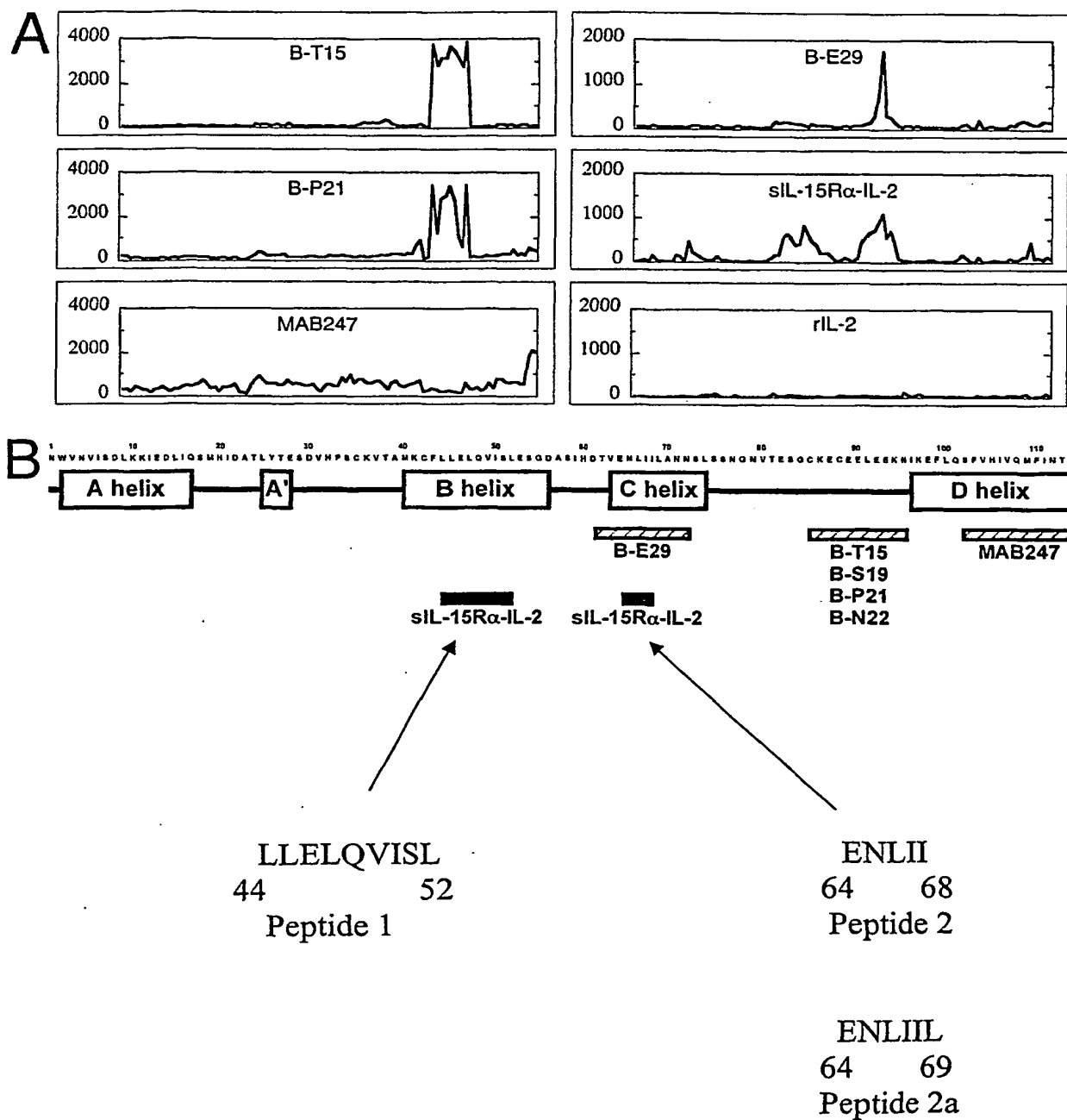
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I68R SEQ ID NO :50

FIGURE 2D (end)

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**FIGURES 3A and 3B**

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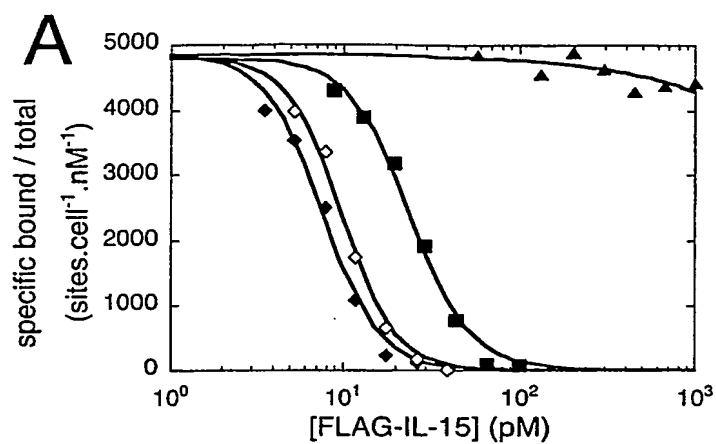


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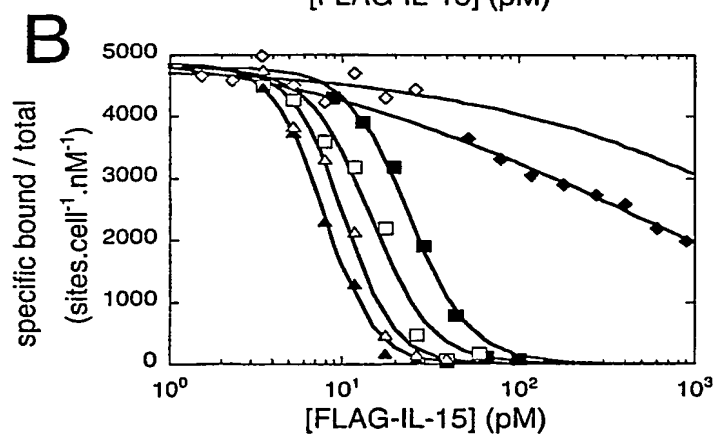


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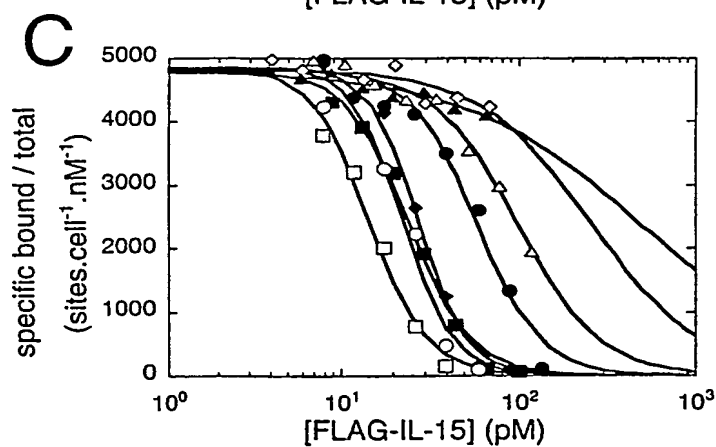


FIGURE 4C

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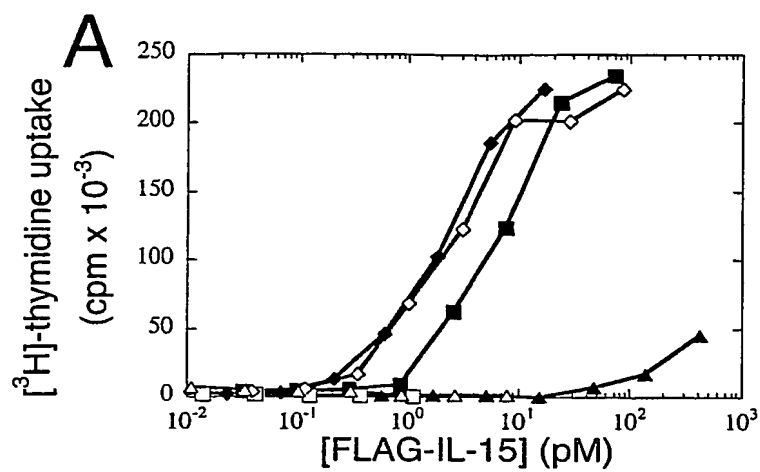


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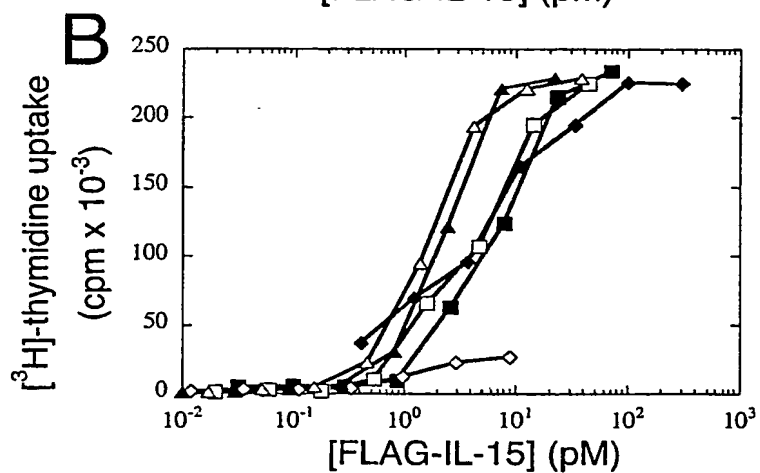


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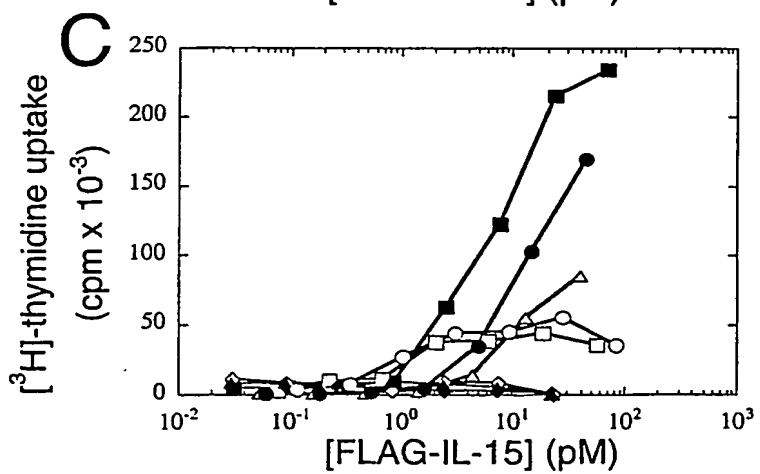
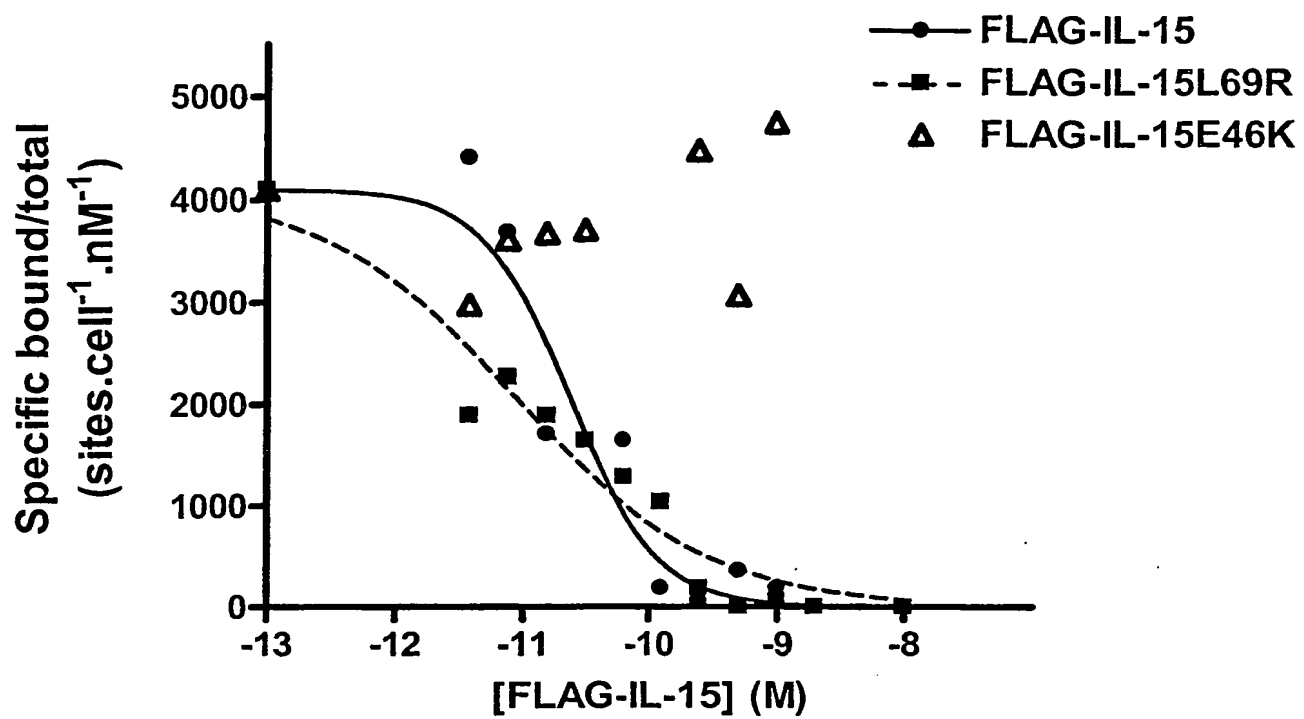
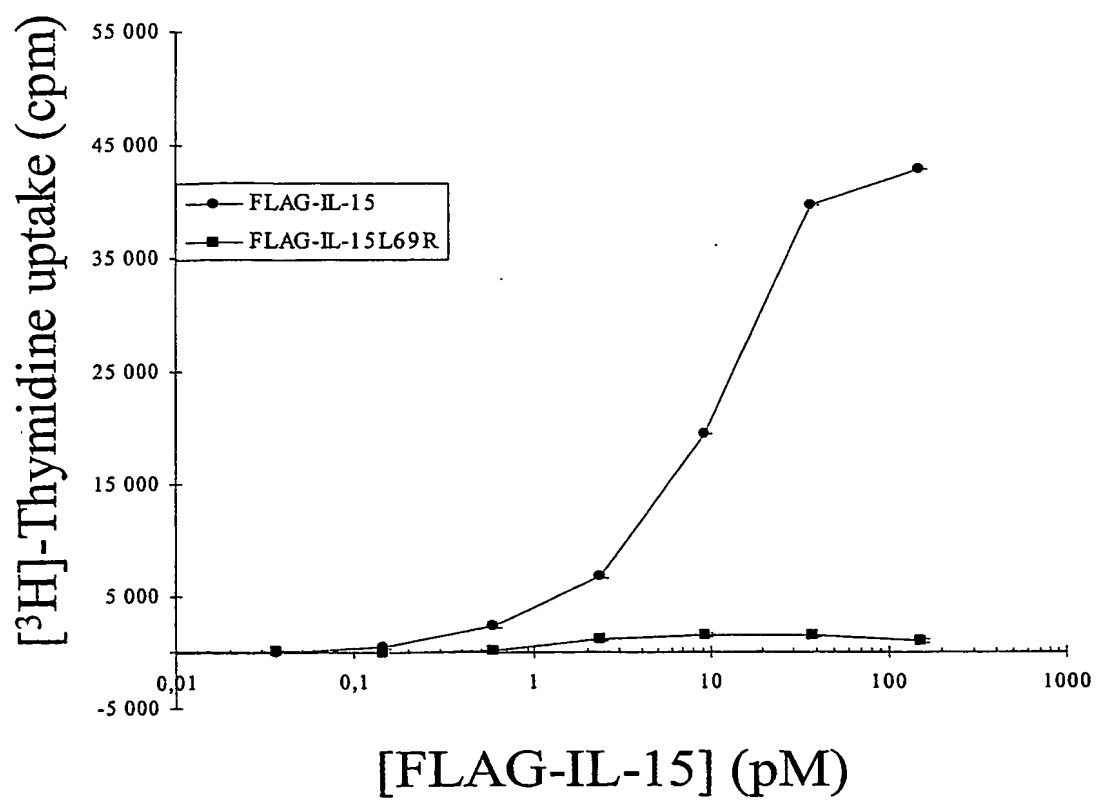


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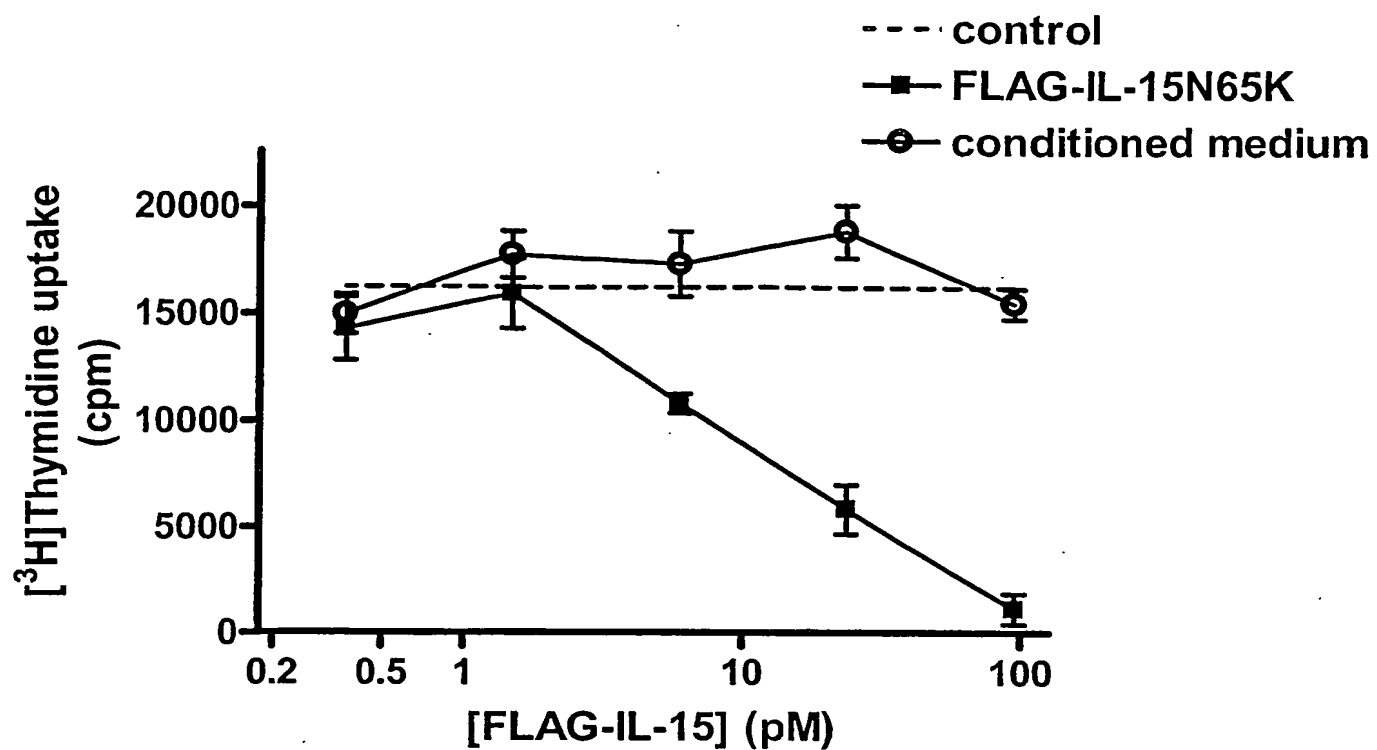
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**FIGURE 6**

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**FIGURE 7**

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**FIGURE 8**

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peptide 2 : 64 65 68 69
 E N L I I L SEQ ID NO : 67
-----mutant peptides-----

K N L I I L	<u>SEQ ID NO : 68</u>
R N L I I L	<u>SEQ ID NO : 69</u>
E D L I I L	<u>SEQ ID NO : 70</u>
E E L I I L	<u>SEQ ID NO : 71</u>
E K L I I L	<u>SEQ ID NO : 72</u>
E R L I I L	<u>SEQ ID NO : 73</u>
E N L I D L	<u>SEQ ID NO : 74</u>
E N L I E L	<u>SEQ ID NO : 75</u>
E N L I K L	<u>SEQ ID NO : 76</u>
E N L I I D	<u>SEQ ID NO : 77</u>
E N L I I E	<u>SEQ ID NO : 78</u>
E N L I I K	<u>SEQ ID NO : 79</u>
E N L I I R	<u>SEQ ID NO : 80</u>
E N L I R L	<u>SEQ ID NO : 81</u>

FIGURE 9

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIIDA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L69D SEQ ID NO :82

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIIEA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECEE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L69E SEQ ID NO :83

FIGURE 10

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1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIIKA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L69K SEQ ID NO : 84

1 NWVNVISDLK KIEDLIQSMH IDATLYTESD
31 VHPSCCKVTAM KCFLLELQVI SLESGDASIH
61 DTVENLIIRA NNSLSSNGNV TESGCKECE
91 LEEKNIKEFL QSFVHIVQMF INTS

L69R SEQ ID NO : 85

FIGURE 10 (end)